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Foreward:

This book entails my research and essential discoveries of Love. I am almost certain more readers will disagree than agree with what is written, but I implore you to read with an open mind. I write this as an answer for the doubtful, for unenlightened minds, and for those of any interest in the subject. Be warned: if you favor Love highly, this tome will either anger you or make you question your ways, but this might be a good thing. Read at your own discretion.

"The forbearance of Love: glories, passion, unmatched splendor. It promises eternal devotion and companionship, a spirited bond between two of like-minds. A relation every soul since birth longs for. There is no greater power than Love, no greater force. It claims dominion over all things living and dead. Love can overpower any

foe, any obstacle, even the very epitome of evil. Without Love, there is only ruin; there is only loneliness and a lack of purpose. Without Love, there is no reason to embrace the continuum of life. There is no reason to go on. There is no reason for future, as future is only death by misery. Love is the remedy. Love is perfection. Love is absolution. It is life's clearest reason."

These are highlights from a speech given by Ilirim the Philosopher some decades ago on the concepts of Love. He gave this speech to an auditorium complete with feeble scholars yearning to be taught of truth and life's deepest meanings. As they were so quick to obtain knowledge and wisdom, and considering how highly esteemed this philosopher was, they instantly accepted this idea. They took it as truth. They welcomed it. They shared it. They spread it like a plague. And its consequences were dire. Too many were falling to the lies of this loose theory. But, after all, it was "Love," the so-called greatest gift to all. How could one refuse?

This is a common act of ignorant corruption. The concepts of Love are clear to many, but its ideal purpose is to provide us with a false shield that will protect our minds from the darker truths, a veil for those enveloped in fear.

Denial is created, a method of escape from realizing the possibility that Love is not what it seems to be. The incessant denial leads to ignorance. This is a poison that leaks into the mind and eventually into every cell of the body. The shield that once produced invincibility crumbles and backfires, leaving the individual entirely defenseless and extraordinarily weak. Death is guaranteed. It all happens in an instant; the "protection" is only temporary.

The glories of Love are nonexistent. They are illusions and the means to turn any subject prone to Love into dust. When one loves, he is taking on an obsession that will cloud his judgment and affect every single action he takes henceforth. He will be required to take into consideration the consequences of what he does, how it will affect his lover. All his stray thoughts will return to Love. He will think of nothing else, only the pleasantries that Love provides. They are shackles that bind him; he is motionless, no longer of freewill. If death is to befall his maiden, he will be lost and in ruin. Devastation will take him. He will not be able to reason or think otherwise. He will mourn, mourn, and mourn, leaving him in one of the weakest states possible. Poison and death will feed on his lamentations. Thanks to the "glories of Love," he will soon be pressed under the cold earth

alongside his wife. And the remainders of this Love will spread, as this sly corruption does not die.

Practitioners of Love will claim its passion is like fire. This passion is supposedly unmatched, a splendor only those who have experienced Love could possibly fathom. Indeed, it is similar to fire. When first experienced, the flames will warm and rekindle a downed spirit. One will soon grow attached to this undying haven of warmth and comfort, a solace ever present. He will desire to go beyond and risk improving this warmth. He will be curious as to how the flames actually feel and work, like reaching a further state in Love. He will try to get to know the flames better. He will touch them. He will touch his love. He will back away and try again. He will continue until he is no longer afraid of anything else, for Love now fully protects him. He will dive into the fire, and the passion will roar through his body as his flesh cracks and burns to cinder. He is as easily swept away as ashes, regardless of time. Love induced him, it consoled him, and once it fully gained his trust, it betrayed him. This passion is of fire, a deceitful one. The essence of duplicity.

Love can overpower nothing but the naïve individual who accepts it. And since so many accept it, it makes itself well known and silently leaves its true reason tucked away. Love is an emotion created by the living. It is an idea, a mental conjuration. It is in question as to how something that has no proof of existence whatsoever can be so overpowering. Simply put, simply understandable, yet known to very, very few, Love is useless. You serve a false idea and allow your insanity to overpower yourself and leave you blind and defenseless, never once aware that it never existed. Some who have lost Love and lived have claimed it is not real.

Love requires an extraordinary amount of energy. It is energy wasted and used unknowingly to destroy one's self. All energy is promised to be sacrificed to Love: cherishing, making memories, devotion, marriage, sacrifice, death, grievance. It is interesting that the element of Hate requires almost just as much energy as Love does. Both of them are emotions created by the living, both fixations, both acts of ignorant corruption.

The temptations of Love. They fill the world just as much as the air does. They are noxious, poisons without antidotes unless caught before the seeds of commitment are sown. They are servants of a false design. Love is not perfection, it is a perfect idea. It is a brilliant plan to teach to those who you wish to eliminate. But in doing so, you are opening a door that will lead you into

accepting the possibility that Love is a wonderful thing. Once again, ignorant corruption. It's too simple to be fooled by this illusion. Do not allow this seed of venom to plant itself within you. Do not follow Love's artificial principles. What worth is there in following something that only leads to ruin?

Love: a fallacy.